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1. ON JANUARY 18, EC DIRECTOR GENERAL SIR ROY DENMAN HANDED
AMBASSADOR FRENCH TEXTS OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS COUNCIL
CONCLUSIONS AND INSCRIPTION IN COUNCIL MINUTES. INFORMAL
MISSION TRANSLATION OF BOTH FOLLOWS.

2. COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS.

1. THE COUNCIL TAKES NOTE OF THE COMMISSION'S COMMUNICA-
TION (DOCUMENT 1/10/78 (COS 1) OF JANUARY 10, 1978) AND
APPROVES THE GUIDELINES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION.

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2. ON THIS BASIS, AND ON THE BASIS OF THE DIFFERENT
WORK HYPOTHESES ELABORATED OR SKETCHED OUT WITHIN THE GATT,
THE COUNCIL EMPHASIZES THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE COMMUNITY
TO ENTER INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE OF THE MULTILATERAL
TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT ALL THE ELEMENTS OF THESE WORK HYPOTHESES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AS THEY STAND. THE COUNCIL ASKS THE COMMISSION TO PURSUE IN LIAISON WITH THE SPECIAL ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE, THE SEARCH FOR PRECISE AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS.

3. THE COUNCIL CONFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE COMMUNITY ATTACHES TO A POSITIVE RESULT FROM THESE NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT, REALISTIC, AND BALANCED CONCESSIONS BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL PARTNERS. IT EMPHASIZES ITS INTEREST IN ARRIVING AT THE END OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AT A SITUATION WHICH WILL REFLECT A GREATER DEGREE OF BALANCE IN RECIPROCAL OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN THE PRINCIPAL PARTNERS.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT THE COUNCIL UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE WHICH IT ATTACHES TO A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE, CUSTOMS EVALUATION, AND UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF THE INJURY CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ARTICLE VI OF THE GATT, AND IN AGRICULTURE. THE FINAL BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE RESULTS IN THESE AREAS.

5. THE COMMUNITY REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO SEEK IN EACH SECTOR OF THE NEGOTIATION THE ELABORATION OF SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED
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AMONG THEM. THE COMMUNITY EXPECTS AN APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTION IN PARTICULAR FROM THE MOST DEVELOPED OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. THE COUNCIL EXPRESSES ITS AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TABLE ITS OFFERS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

7. CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS (CHAPTERS 25-99 BTN), THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE SIZE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY TARIFF WOULD NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE END OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS; TO GET THEM UNDERWAY, THE COMMUNITY DECLARES ITSELF READY TO OFFER INITIALLY TO APPLY THE SWISS FORMULA FOR REDUCTION ENVISAGED IN THE GATT DOCUMENT MTN/INF/11 OF DECEMBER 23, 1977 WITH A CO-EFFICIENT OF 16.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE OFFERS WHICH WILL BE MADE BY ITS PRINCIPAL PARTNERS AND IN LIGHT OF THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE TARIFF FORMULA WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE OFFERS, THE COMMUNITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO JUDGE THEIR QUALITATIVE AND

QUANTITATIVE VALUE.

IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN ADEQUATE RECIPROCITY IN QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE TERMS, THE COMMUNITY WILL APPLY THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS OFFER. FOR ITS PART, THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT INTEND, INsofar AS IT IS CONCERNED, TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NO NET EXCEPTIONS (PRINCIPE DE LA COMPENSATION DES EXCEPTIONS). IT REAFFIRMS ITS ATTACHMENT TO THE CONCEPT OF HARMONIZATION AND WILL BE ATTENTIVE TO ANY EROSION OF THIS CONCEPT.

8. THE COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE DONE IN TWO STAGES:
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-- THE FIRST, IN FIVE ANNUAL STEPS,

-- FOLLOWED BY A SECOND, CONDITIONAL, OF THREE ANNUAL
- STEPS.

THE COUNCIL WILL EXAMINE THE GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION
TO EVALUATE WHETHER THE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET FOR
MOVING TO THE SECOND STAGE.

9. THE COMMUNITY EMPHASIZES FINALLY THE NECESSITY TO
ENSURE THE COMPLETE AND COORDINATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COMMITMENTS WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN. FOR ITS PART, THE
COMMUNITY WILL ONLY IMPLEMENT ITS OWN CONCESSIONS AFTER
COMPLETION OF THE PROCEDURES FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL,
IN THE NECESSARY CASES, BY ITS INDUSTRIALIZED PARTNERS.

3. INSERTION IN THE COUNCIL MINUTES.
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO PARAGRAPH 7 OF ITS CONCLUSIONS
(ABOVE), THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS THAT THE FINAL AVERAGE
REDUCTION APPLICABLE TO THE COMMUNITY CUSTOMS TARIFF WILL
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1975, AND A MAXIMUM LEVEL OF 35 PERCENT, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT PAST EXPERIENCE, THE PROBABLE EXCEPTIONS AND THE
ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE IN VIEW OF THE RESULTS OF NON-
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